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FROM OPIC

E.O. 11652:N/A

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SUBJECT: VISIT BY OPIC FINANCE OFFICER

1. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE FOR VISIT OF OPIC FINANCE
OFFICER JAMES BANKS, ARRIVING JUNE 4 PAN AM 198 FROM
MONROVIA DEPARTING JUNE 6 ET 784 FOR DOUALA. PURPOSE OF
VISIT TO REVIEW RECENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS
WITH EMBOFFS, AND LATEST PLANS FOR ACCRA PLAINS RICE
PROJECT WITH EMBASSY AND GOG OFFICIALS.

2. REQUEST APPOINTMENT MONDAY WITH NEW NIB HEAD AND
DEPUTY DIRECTOR A.K. WONTUMI. BANKS TO MAKE OTHER APPOINT-
MENTS AFTER ARRIVAL. REQUEST ALSO SINGLE ROOM HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS, PREFERABLY AT CONTINENTAL.

3. RE ACCRA PLANS - FYI: AFTER WITHDRAWAL BY HAWAIIAN
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AGRONOMICS FROM SHAREHOLDER GROUP, KAISER WITH OPIC
APPROVAL HAS REVISED PLANS FOR PROJECT TO INCLUDE THREE-
YEAR PILOT FARMING STAGE TO CONFIRM FEASIBILITY AND SERVE
AS BASIS FOR ATTRACTING OTHER INVESTORS AND LENDERS. WARD
SAUNDERS HAS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH GOG OFFICIALS AND
HAS THEIR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE. TO MANAGE PILOT FARM,

KAISER HAS SELECTED IRI RESEARCH INSTITUTE, A NON-PROFIT
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OUTFIT
FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. IRI
PRESIDENT JEROME HARRINGTON PLANNING RECONNAISSANCE TRIP
TO GHANA END OF MAY EXPECTED TO OVERLAP WITH BANKS'. CHRISTOPHER

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